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- asked today. I am just here principally to follow up
- on certain items and ask about certain other areas
- that may be germane to Syncora. 3
- 4 So, as I understood your testimony, you
- were the lead negotiator for the City when it came to 5
- negotiating the business deal, is that correct? 6
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Other people were going to paper the business deal in 8
- terms of the legal terms that would embody it,
- correct? 10
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Let me ask you a question. The kickoff of the
- negotiations that led to the forbearance agreement I 13
- understood you to say began on June 4th, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Who called that meeting?
- 17 A. Counsel to Jones Day called counsel for BAML and
- invited them to the meeting.
- 19 Q. Fair to say that the meeting was held at the behest of
- the City of Detroit? 20
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Did you take legal advice, you personally as the lead
- negotiator for the City, did you take legal advice
- from Jones Day in advance of the June 4 meeting?
- 25 A. Yes.

- are negotiating?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. You also have to have at least some understanding of
- the legal framework in order to negotiate effectively,
- correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. You don't have to go to law school, right, but you do
- have to understand some of the ins and outs of the
- various legal documents that you're negotiating over,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. As well as any layman can be expected to do so.
- 12 Q. Now, I'd like to get a level set as to where you were
- on June 4th, 2013 as you're going into this meeting
- with BAML.
- 15 A. And UBS.
- 16 Q. And UBS. So, they were there too?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. I want to make sure I have a level set under
- 19 the operating assumptions that you had in your mind as
- you were going into the meeting to negotiate with the 20
- 21 Swap counterparties, okay?
- 22 One of your operating assumptions was that
- 23 there were termination events existing under the
- 24 Swaps, correct?
- 25 A. There were events of default existing under the Swaps,

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- the collateral agreement.
- 2 Q. Okay. So, let's take a step back and let me be more
- precise. 3
- 4 A. Okay.
- 5 Q. So, there is a Swap agreement that the Swap
- counterparties are parties to with the service
- corporations?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. You are aware of that?
- 10 A. Iam.
- 11 Q. You are also aware that there is a collateral
- agreement that is between among other parties the
- City, the service corporations and the Swap 13
- 14 counterparties, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Now, at the time you're going into the June 4 meeting,
- one of your operating assumptions was that there were 17
- termination events under the Swap that would give the 18
- 19 Swap counterparties the right to terminate?
- 20 MR. CULLEN: Objection. Foundation. I
- think he said default events. 21
- 22 MR. HACKNEY: He said default events under
- 23 the collateral agreement. I'm trying to be precise
- 24
- 25 A. No, I was focused on the cash issue that would be at

- 1 Q. Would you disclose to me the legal advice you obtained
- from them?
- MR. CULLEN: I'll instruct him not to 3
- answer. 4
- MR. HACKNEY: So, if I ask questions about 5
- 6 the legal advice you had been given about the COPs
- Swap structure or various parties' rights thereunder,
- you would instruct the witness not to answer those 8
- 9 questions?
- 10 MR. CULLEN: Right.
- MR. HACKNEY: And I take it, Mr. Cullen, 11
- 12 that instruction would remain true both from -- at any
- time? 13
- MR. CULLEN: Right. 14
- MR. HACKNEY: Not just with respect to the 15
- June 4 meeting? 16
- MR. CULLEN: Precisely. 17
- BY MR. HACKNEY: 18
- 19 Q. Okay. Let me ask you, Mr. Buckfire, I'm going to
- speculate, perhaps not wildly, that you've negotiated
- a few deals in your lifetime. 21
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Isn't it fair to say as a negotiator, you have to have
- an understanding of the financial needs and desires of
- your client as well as the counterparty with whom you 25

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- the City is precluded from taking any position
- inconsistent with the Swap counterparties and this 2
- applies through March 1st, 2014 when the Chapter 9 3
- 4 plan is filed --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Is there going to be another time where the City can
- challenge the liens as invalid once the Chapter 9 plan
- is filed? 8
- MR. CULLEN: I object to the form of the 9
- question but you can answer if you can --10
- BY MS. FORDE: 11
- 12 Q. Do you see that this agreement forfeits the City's
- right to challenge any liens after the Chapter 9 plan 13
- is filed?
- 15 A. I don't see that.
- 16 Q. Can you tell me why you don't see it that way?
- 17 A. Well, I didn't write this agreement.
- 18 Q. Is it your understanding that after March 1st the City
- has another opportunity to challenge anything related 19
- 20 to this agreement?
- 21 A. It's not my understanding.

the validity of those liens?

4 A. That's a possibility.

22 Q. Okay.

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- 23 A. I don't know.
- 24 Q. Okay. Do you recognize there's a possibility then

figure after the Chapter 9 plan and have no ability to

challenge it if -- at some certain stage regardless of

that the City could be stuck with paying a very large

agreement, I believe it was dated June 18th of 2009,

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- there is attached as an exhibit to that a letter from 2
- the Michigan Gaming Control Board saying that they 3
- 4 were okay with the arrangements embodied in the
- collateral agreement. 5
- 6 Q. Do you know the date of the letter?
- 7 A. I believe it was the same date as the agreement.
- 8 Q. My next question I believe someone may have alluded to
- but I don't know that we got this far. You said that
- you assumed that the liens were valid in your 10
- negotiations, correct? 11
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you also understand that the lien arose solely
- from the collateral agreement itself?
- 15 A. That's my understanding.
- 16 Q. Okay. And as far as the lien -- look at my last page
- of notes here -- did you discuss with anyone whether 17
- pledging the casino revenue was permissible under the 18
- Michigan Gaming Act or was the letter the only thing 19
- that was relied upon? 20
- MR. CULLEN: Objection to the extent that 21
- it calls for privileged conversations, where we have 22
- directed no inquiry between himself and Jones Day.
- **MS. GREEN:** And that is my question so is 24
- 25 he not going to answer that?

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- MR. CULLEN: If he can find in his memory a 1
- nonprivileged conversation that affects --2
- THE WITNESS: With Jones Day, impossible. 3
- MR. CULLEN: Not with Jones Day but with 4
- somebody else, a nonprivileged conversation, you can 5
- 6 answer with respect to that.
- 7 questions.
- 9 Jennifer Green. I just have a few questions.

MS. FORDE: Thank you. No further

THE WITNESS: May I ask who you represent, 10

MS. GREEN: Good afternoon, my name is

11 Counsel?

5 Q. Okay.

- MS. GREEN: Police and Fire Retirement 12
- System and the General Retirement System. 13
- THE WITNESS: And you are with what law 14
- firm? 15
- MS. GREEN: Clark Hill. 16
- **EXAMINATION** 17
- BY MS. GREEN: 18
- 19 Q. I had a hard time hearing down there. I may have
- written this down wrong. I thought I heard you say
- that you had received a letter from or the City had 21
- received a letter from the Michigan Gaming Control 22
- 23 Board saying that it was okay to pledge the casino
- 25 A. Well, if you look at the original collateral

- BY MS. GREEN:
- Q. Do you have a nonprivileged conversation that you can 8
- 9 recall regarding whether or not you discussed with
- anyone whether pledging the casino revenue was 10
- permissible under the Michigan Gaming Act? 11
- 12 A. No.
- MS. GREEN: Thanks. That's my only 13
- 14 question. Thank you.
- 15 MS. NEWBURY: Good afternoon, Mr. Buckfire.
- My name is Karen Newbury. I'm with Schiff Hardin, and 16
- I represent DepfaBank as agent for DFS WertManagement. 17
- THE WITNESS: Can you say that really fast 18
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- MS. NEWBURY: I said it really fast once.
- So, that will be enough. 21
- 22 **THE WITNESS:** Thank you.
- 23 **EXAMINATION**
- BY MS. NEWBURY: 24
- 25 Q. You've testified earlier today that you were the

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- 1 individual largely responsible for the negotiation of
- 2 the business terms of the forbearance agreement,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. So, you are familiar with and perhaps even designed6 the optional termination provisions?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So, if I ask you to explain to me the way that the
- 9 termination amount will be calculated with all the
- 10 accompanying definitions such as optional termination
- notice on Page 11 of the agreement, then mid-market
- amount and optional termination amount on Page 14, you
- could walk me through this in plain English without
- 14 any trouble, right?
- 15 A. That's a bold statement. I'll do my best.
- 16 Q. Would you please try?
- 17 A. Okay. Well, the calculation of the termination amount
- is not an easy quantitative exercise because pursuant
- to the underlying agreement which is not in front of
- 20 me today so I can't refer you to it, you're supposed
- to go and seek bids in the market from dealers to findout what the value of the Swap is, and then you figure
- out what the value of the Swap is, and then you out from that what the termination amount is.
- So, it's not a simple calculation that you
- 25 can just do mathematically on Bloomberg. You could

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- 1 get to a pretty good answer because everyone looks at
- 2 the same LIBOR curves but it is a matter of market
- 3 checking.
- 4 Q. So, it's your understanding that the optional
- 5 termination amount is to be determined on the optional
- 6 termination date which is the date that the City gives
- 7 notice, is that correct?
- 8 A. That's my understanding.
- 9 **MS. NEWBURY:** Thank you, that's all.
- 10 (Discussion held off the record at
- 11 3:24 p.m.)
- 12 (Back on the record at 3:24 p.m.)
- MR. HACKNEY: I think we are done.
- 14 VIDEO TECHNICIAN: This concludes today's
- deposition. The time is 3:24 p.m. We are off the record.
- 17 (The deposition was concluded at 3:24 p.m.
- Signature of the witness was not requested by
- counsel for the respective parties hereto.)
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I, NORA MORRISSY, certify that this

deposition was taken before me on the date hereinbefore set forth; that the foregoing questions and answers were recorded by me stenographically and reduced to computer transcription; that this is a true, full and correct transcript of my stenographic notes so taken; and that I am not related to, nor of counsel to, either party nor interested in the event of this cause.

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NORA MORRISSY, CSR-2642

Notary Public,

Wayne, County, Michigan.

My Commission expires: 9-13-13